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FEWER IN-TAKE SITES OPERATING FOR BLUE ROOF APPLICATIONS

BEAUMONT, TEXAS – Six weeks after Hurricane Rita passed through southeastern Texas on September 25, nearly 25,000 homeowners interested in free temporary-roofing have signed the “Right of Entry” (ROE) form necessary for the first step in the application process.

“The number of applications for the Blue Roof program has significantly declined in the last 10 days,” said Larry Buck, who heads up the program for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “We are currently collecting about 400 applications per day at 19 sites in 9 counties. In order to continue serving the public while reducing costs we will consolidate the number of sites where we collect ROEs. In deciding which sites to keep open we considered the number of applications, geographic dispersion, and co-location with the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers. On Nov. 11, 2005 the Corps will begin operating ROE collections at the five sites listed below. If applications continue to decline as anticipated we will close all collection sites on Saturday Nov. 19, 2005.”

County	City	Location	Address
Jasper	Jasper	Wal-Mart	800 W. Gibson (Hwy. 96)
Hardin	Silsbee	Wal-Mart	US Hwy 69 @ SHwy 327
Jefferson	Beaumont	DRC (just southeast of Parkdale Mall)	5545 B Eastex Fwy
Jefferson	Port Arthur	Wal-Mart	8585 Memorial Blvd
Orange	Orange	DRC (near Luby's Cafeteria)	4836 Bancroft

Operation Blue Roof provides temporary roofing, free of charge, to homeowners whose roofs were damaged in the storm. Nearly 25,000 applications for the free roofing have been received. It is estimated that there were 30,000 roofs damaged by the storm. FEMA sponsors the program which is executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps has temporary headquarters set up in Beaumont, Texas. For more information on the Blue Roof program including ROE locations, call 1-888-ROOF-BLU.